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John Beasley, Chief
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Dear Mr. Beasley:

LA CASA Family Services has been providing substance abuse treatment and prevention services to Detroit's Hispanic/Latino community since 1974. More recently, in the past couple of years, we have been providing AIDS education, prevention, testing and counseling services.

We support your organization's attempt to secure funding from the National Cancer Institute. As a participant organization in the Tobacco-Free Michigan Action Coalition we understand the importance in getting out the "message" for tobacco use reduction. We plan to participate in the Coalition's efforts.

Many of our clients are substance abusers or recovery abusers. Often it is the case that tobacco use increases during their recovery, as a way for them to deal with their anxiety and/or as a substitute for their previous dependencies or another substance. We intend to increase our educational interventions with clients in their individual treatment sessions. In addition, we propose to heighten our educational campaigns to staff and other program participants.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Good luck in securing this grant.

Sincerely,

Osvaldo Rivera

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Executive Director

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